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An Act To Allow a Moose Lottery Winner To Designate a Subpermittee after the Lottery Drawing

Reference to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Wildlife suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator BRYANT of Oxford. Cosponsored by Senator: CARPENTER of York, Representatives: HATCH of Skowhegan, JACKSON of Fort Kent, PINEAU of Jay.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 12 MRSA §7463-A. sub-§4-A, as repealed and replaced by PL 1993, c. 574, §22, is amended to read:

6 4-A. Subpermittees. A person may not hunt moose with a permittee unless the person is a subpermittee authorized in accordance with this subsection. An applicant for a moose permit 8 may indicate on the application filed pursuant to subsection 6 or 10 after the issuance of a moose permit but at least 5 business days prior to the first day of moose season the name of a name 12 subpermittee-designate and of the an alternate subpermittee-designate. If the applicant issued a moose is 14 permit under subsection 7, the subpermittee-designate becomes a subpermittee and the permittee may authorize the subpermittee to 16 participate in the moose hunt with the permittee. The permittee may authorize the alternate subpermittee-designate to participate in the hunt in place of the subpermittee-designate if the 18 permittee notifies the department of the authorization at least 5 20 business days prior to the first day of the moose season, in which case, the alternate subpermittee-designate becomes the The permittee may choose not to authorize a 22 subpermittee. subpermittee to participate in the hunt, but a subpermittee must 24 always be in the presence of the permittee while hunting moose. A subpermittee is not in the presence of the permittee if contact between the permittee and the subpermittee requires visual or 26 audio enhancement devices, including binoculars or citizen band 28 A permittee may hunt moose with no more than one radios. authorized subpermittee. A permittee may not sell the right to 30 be named a subpermittee.

SUMMARY

This bill allows a winner of a moose permit to designate a subpermittee after the drawing for moose permits and forbids a moose permit holder to sell the right to be named a subpermittee.